

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency: Status and Challenges

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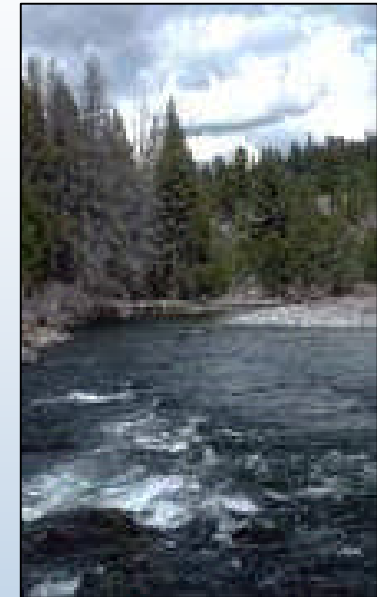
Energy Challenges are Enormous



Energy Security
and Reliability



Economic Growth



Environmental
Impact



Natural Disasters

Mounting Evidence



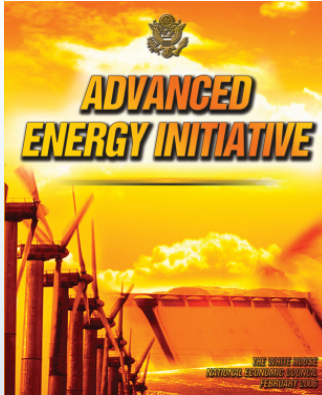


Getting to “Significance” Involves...



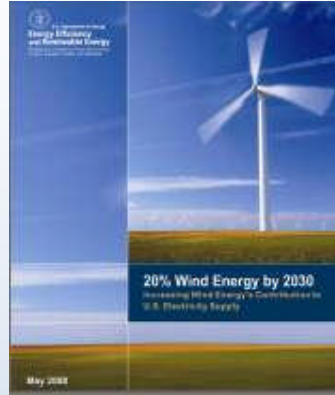
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Setting the Bar Higher – Gigawatt-Scale Renewables



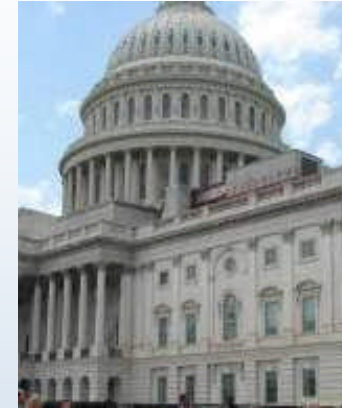
Solar Vision

*10% U.S. electricity
by 2025*



Wind Vision

*20% U.S. electricity
by 2030*



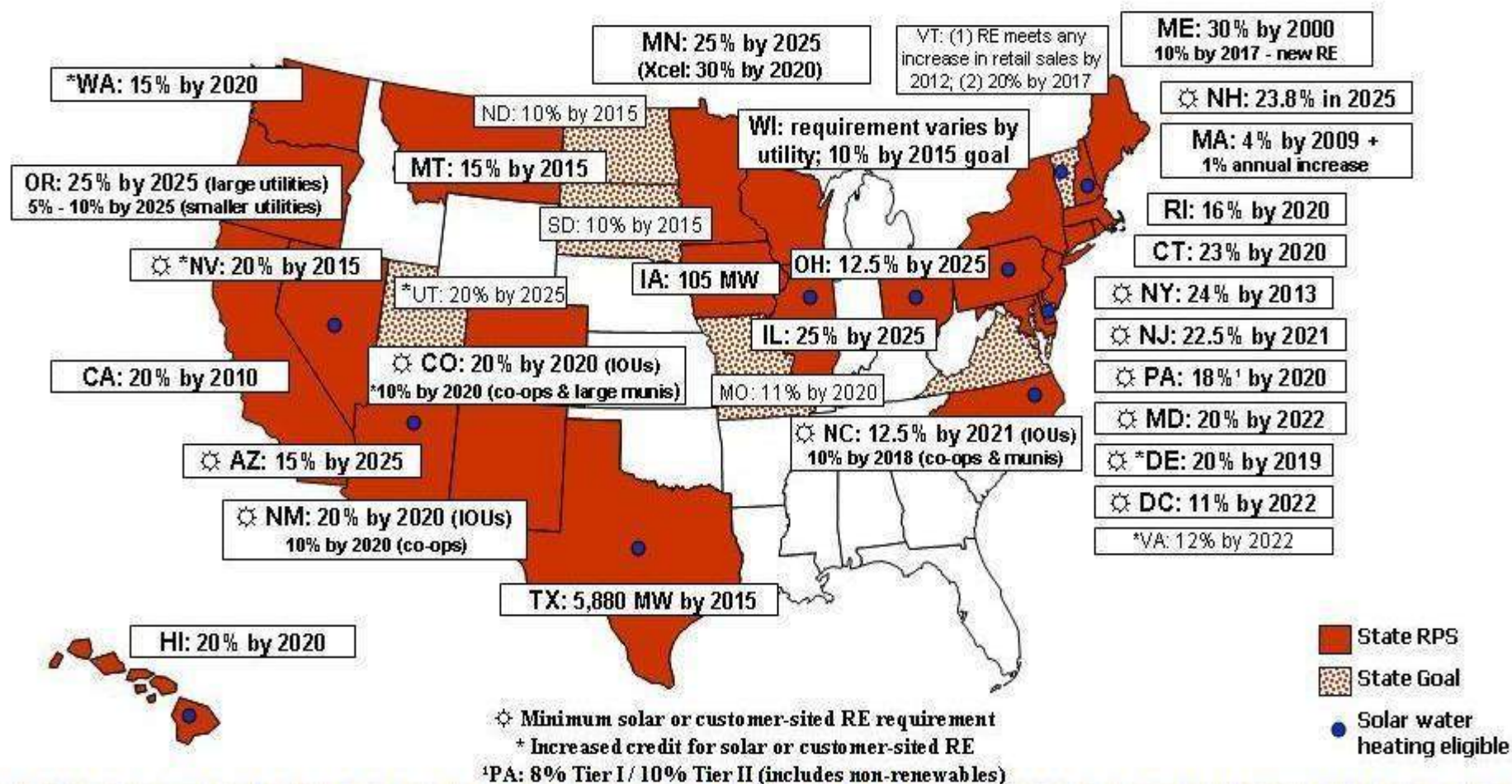
Energy Independence & Security Act 2007

*36 billion gallons of renewable
fuels by 2022*

Requires investment in new infrastructure:

- Overall in U.S. = \$2 trillion
 - Worldwide = \$22 trillion
 - Biofuels
 - Wind
 - Solar
- } \$2 trillion (est.)

State Renewable Portfolio Standards



Our applied science and clean energy technology portfolio is dedicated to accelerating market penetration of America's abundant, secure, affordable and clean renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.

Power Generation

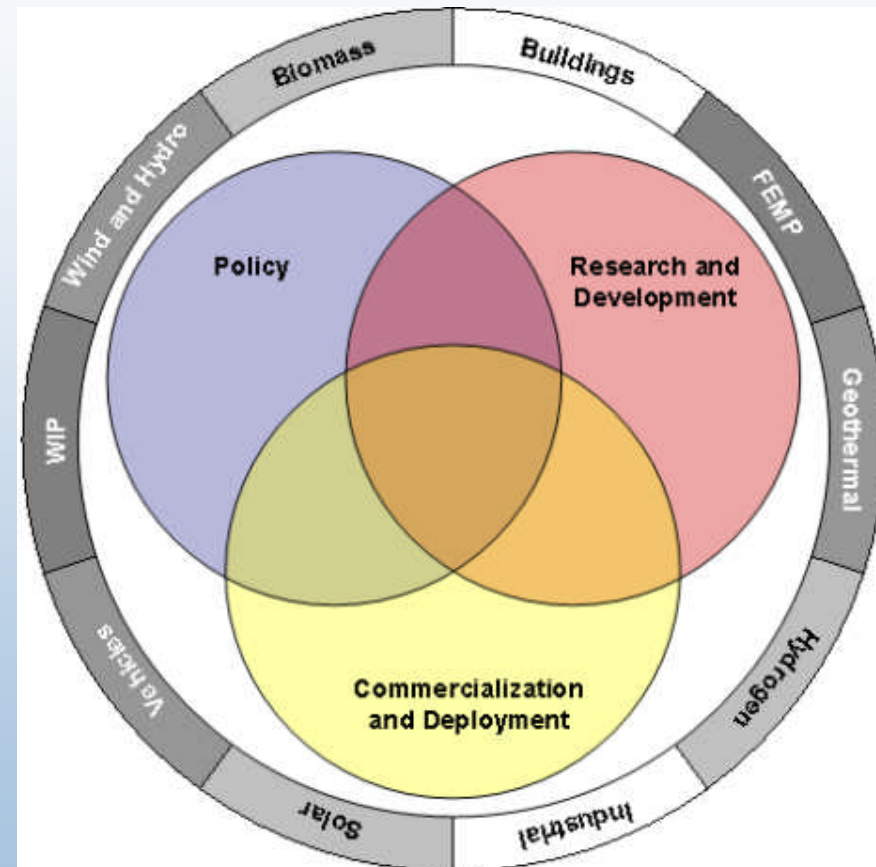
- Solar
- Wind
- Hydropower
- Geothermal

Fuels & Vehicles

- Biomass/Biofuels
- Hydrogen
- Vehicle Technologies
 - o Batteries

Energy Efficiency

- Buildings Technologies
- Industrial Technologies
- Weatherization
- Federal Energy Management

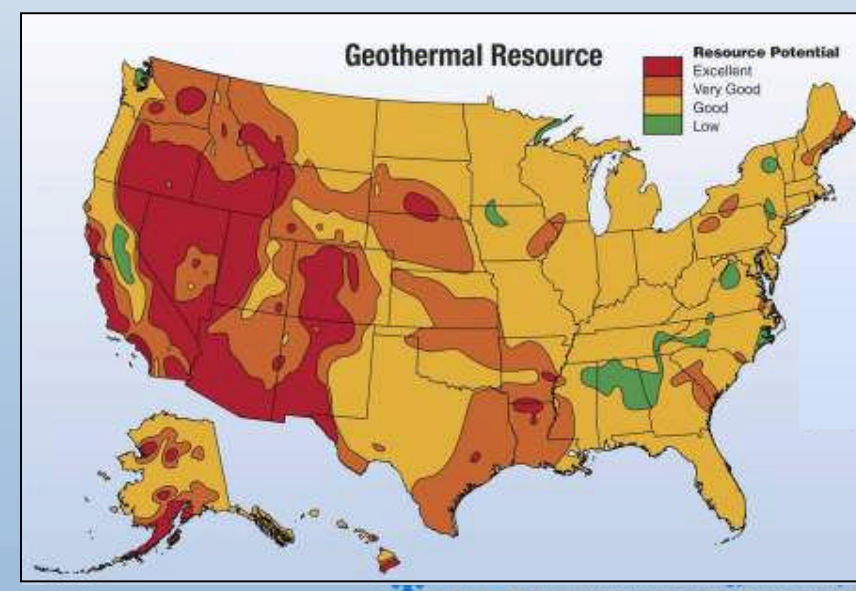
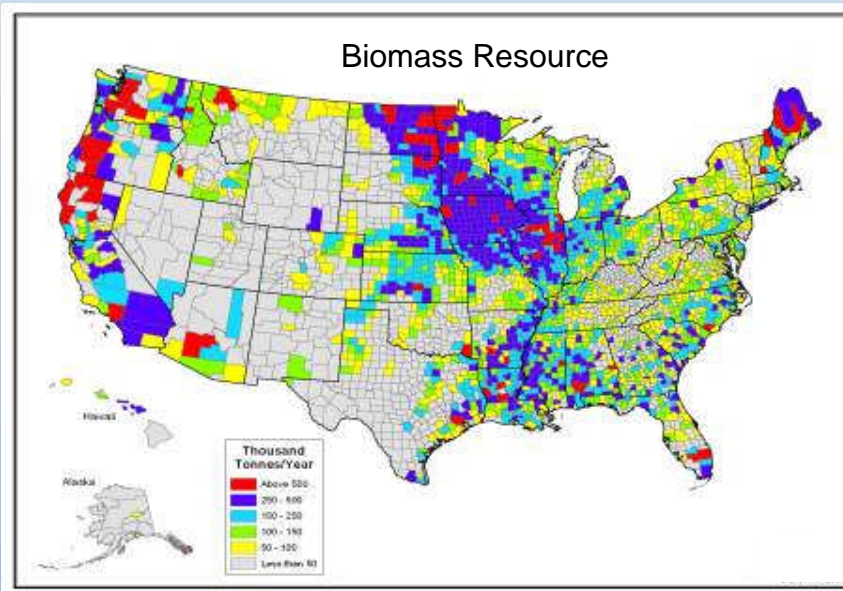
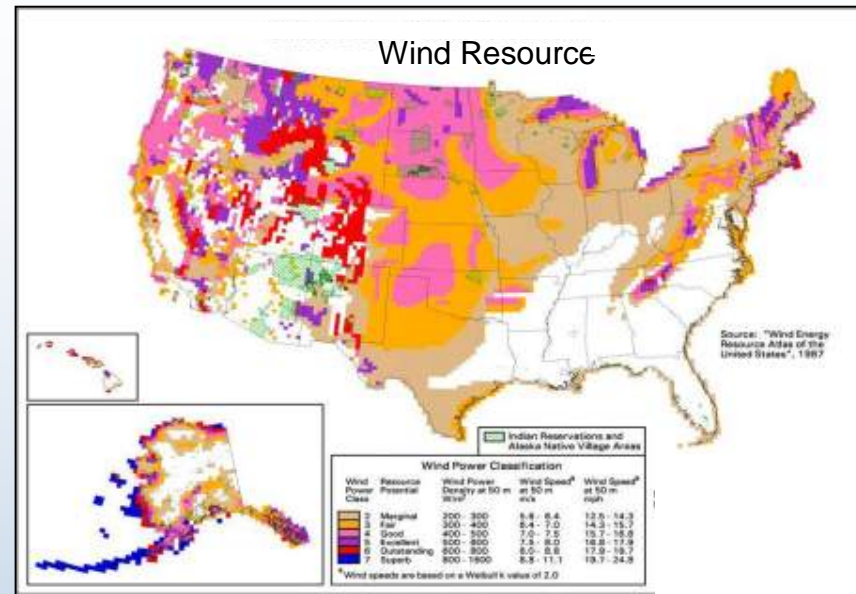
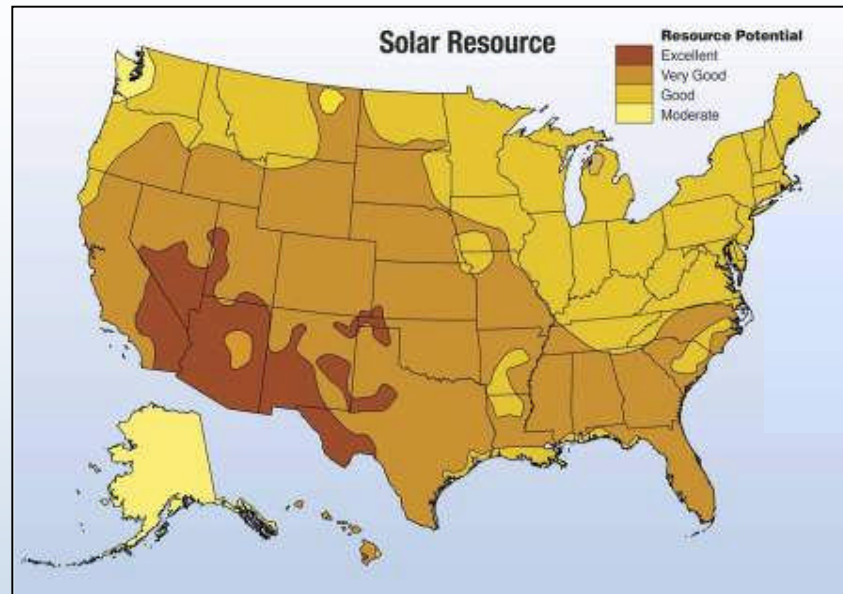


The President's Advanced Energy Initiative aims to change the way we power our homes, business, and automobiles.

Renewable Energy



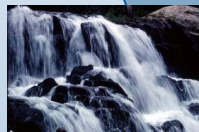
U.S. Renewable Energy Resources



Renewable Energy Pathways from the Resource to the End-User

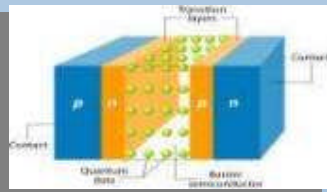
Renewable Resources

- Wind
- Solar
- Biomass
- Geothermal
- Hydroelectric
- Ocean



Energy Delivery and Storage

- Electricity Transmission & Distribution
- Alternative Fuels
- Hydrogen Delivery and Storage



Efficient Energy Use

- Buildings
- Industry
- Transportation

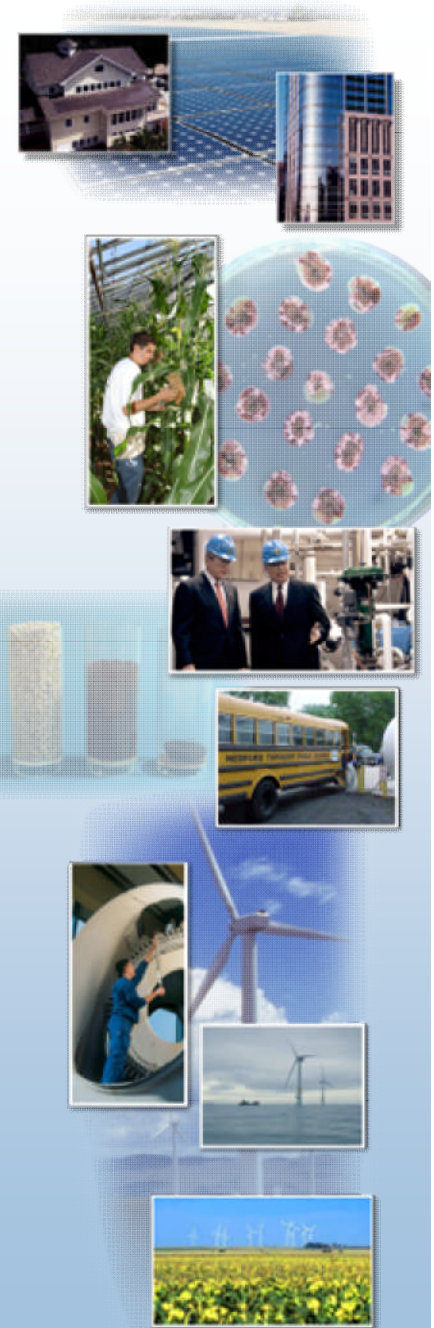
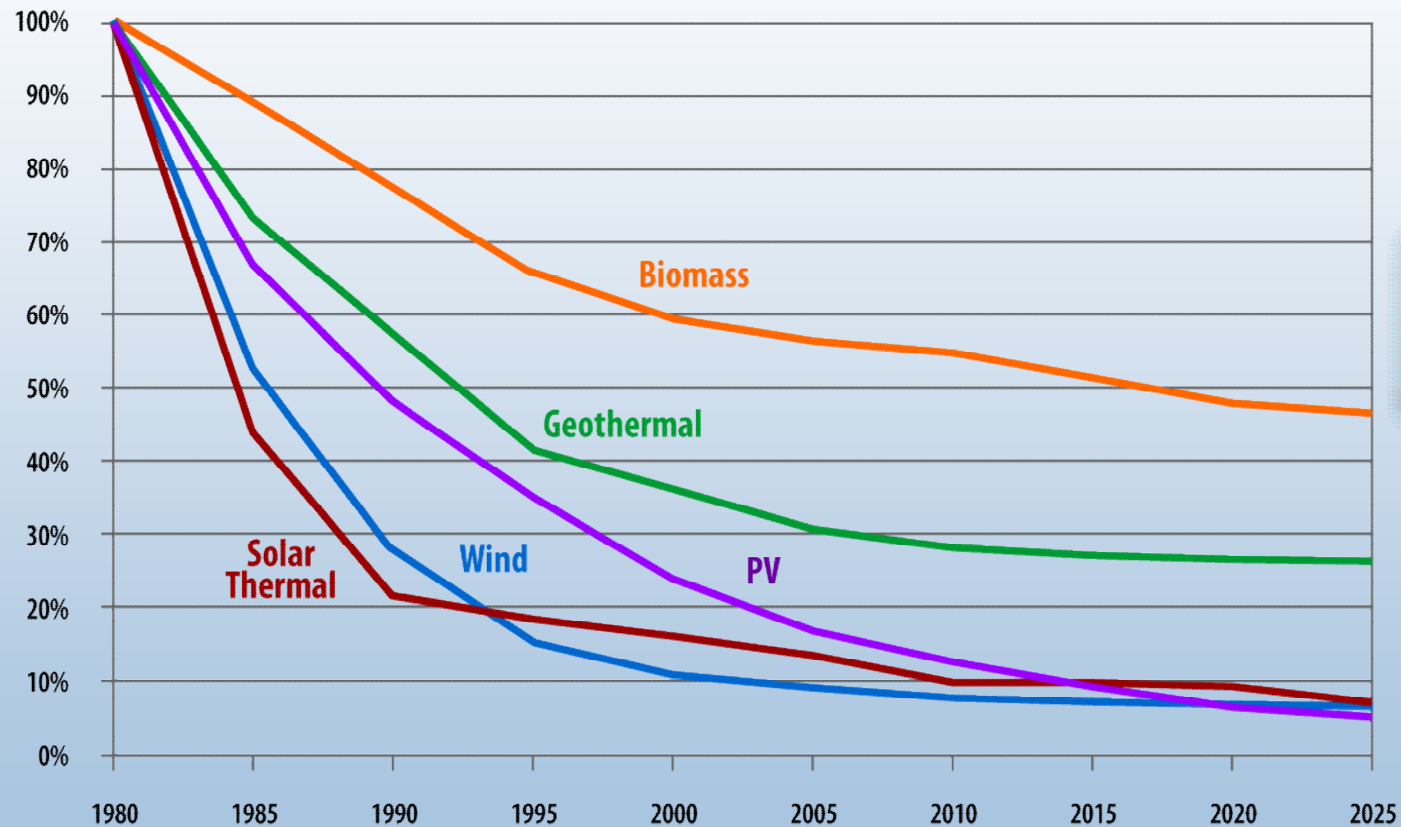


Foundational Science

Applied Science

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Past Investments Have Yielded Impressive Cost Reductions



Renewable Power Solutions

- Accelerating high penetration of wind and solar power by addressing the key integration and inter-connection challenges of intermittency and variability.*
- Fostering greater dispatchability and response for solar and wind by developing and evaluating energy storage solutions.**
- Enabling wind power to produce up to 20% of the Nation's electricity by improving the performance of turbines, blades, and related components.
- Continuing Solar America Initiative to lower cost of photovoltaics to reach unsubsidized grid parity by 2015.
- Establishing demonstration sites for Enhanced Geothermal Systems and evaluating reservoir creation techniques.
- Benchmark testing of leading ocean, wave, and tidal technologies.

*(Cooperative programming with Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE))

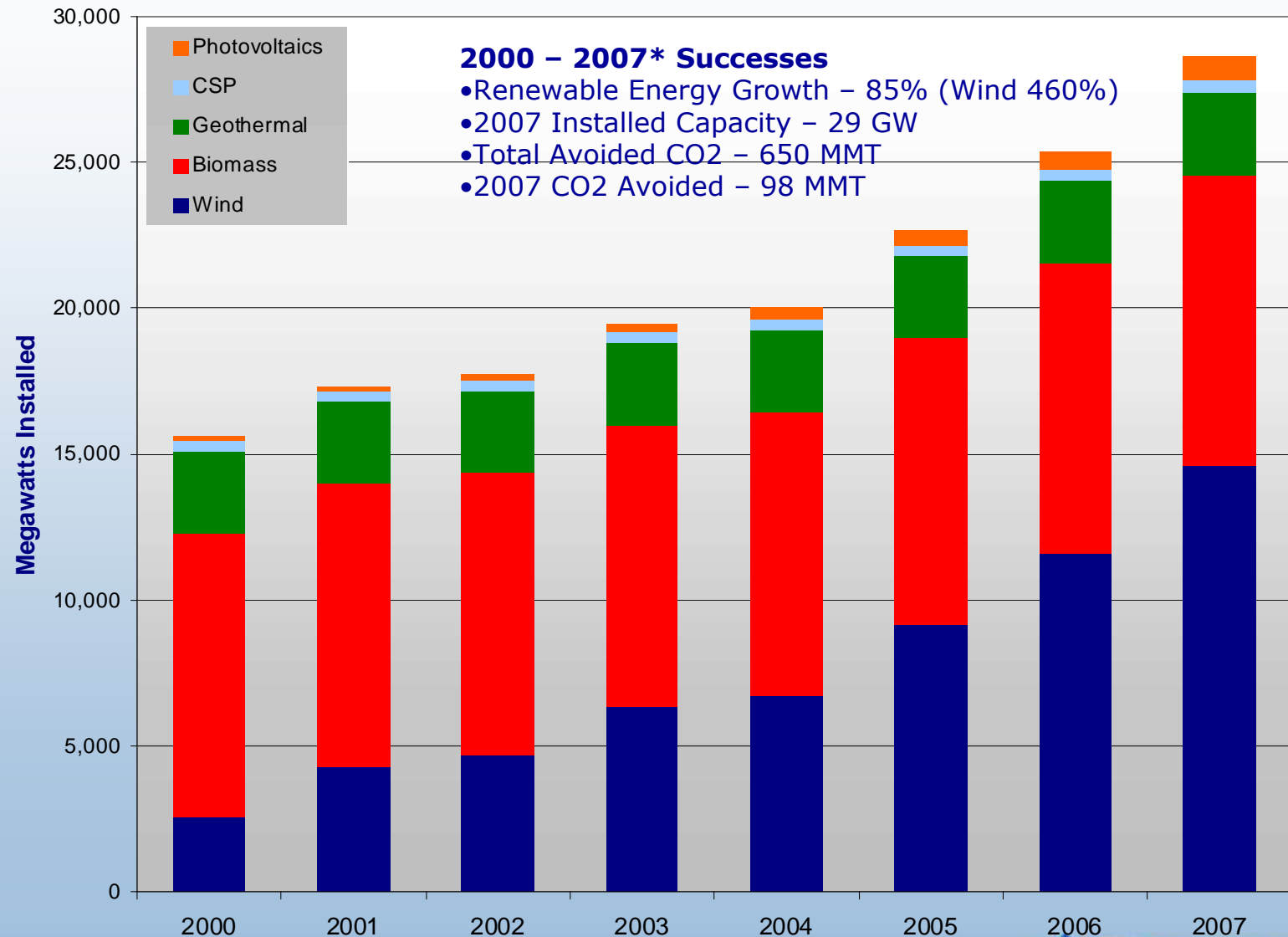
** (Joint program with OE and Office of Science)

U.S. RE Capacity Rapidly Expanding

Percent of Annual New Capacity			
	2004	2005	2006
Renewables	2%	11%	22%
Natural Gas	72%	85%	72%
Coal	2%	2%	5%
Petroleum	1%	1%	1%
Dual Fired	22%	0%	0%
Other*	0%	1%	0%

Source: EIA

U.S. Renewable Electricity Capacity



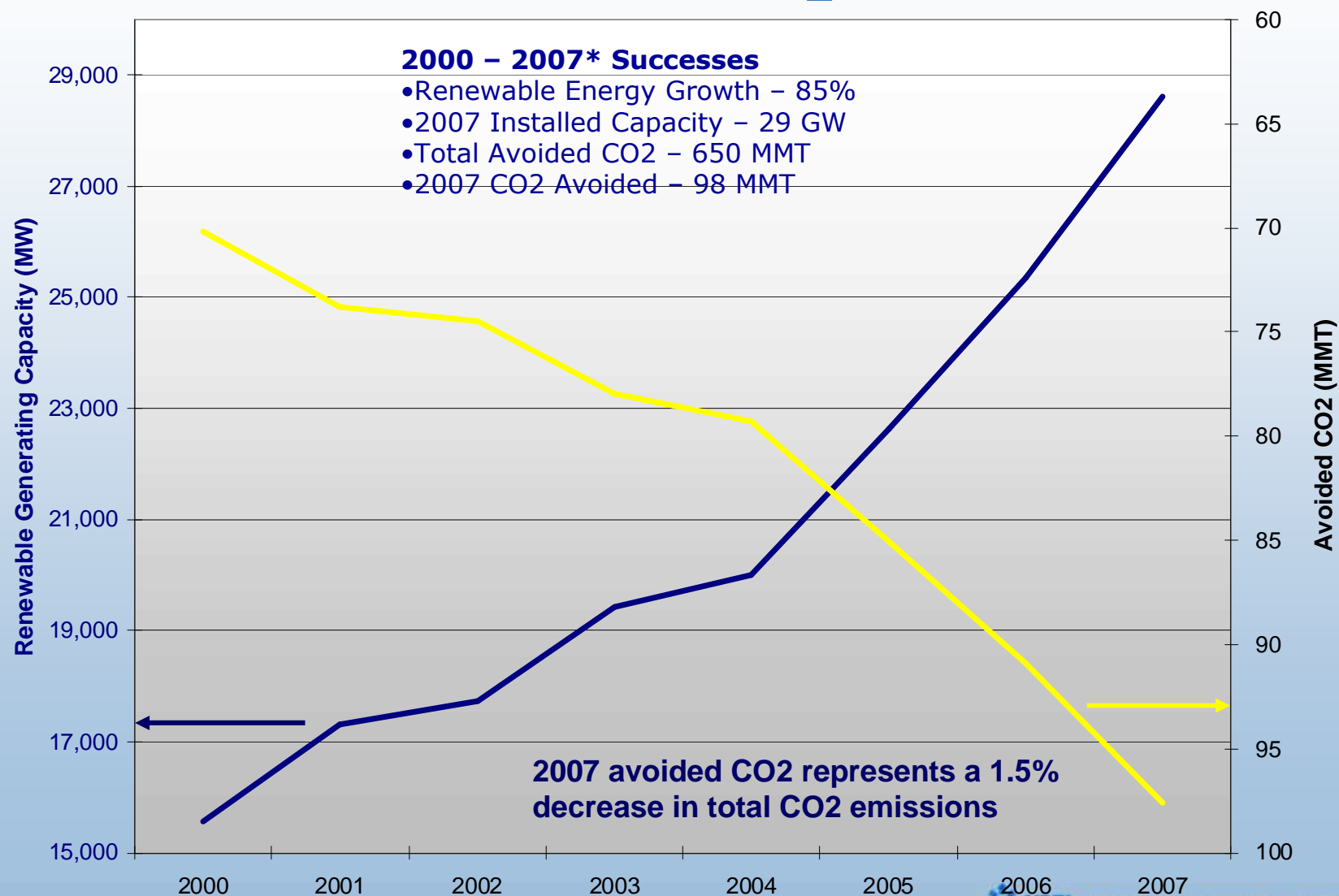
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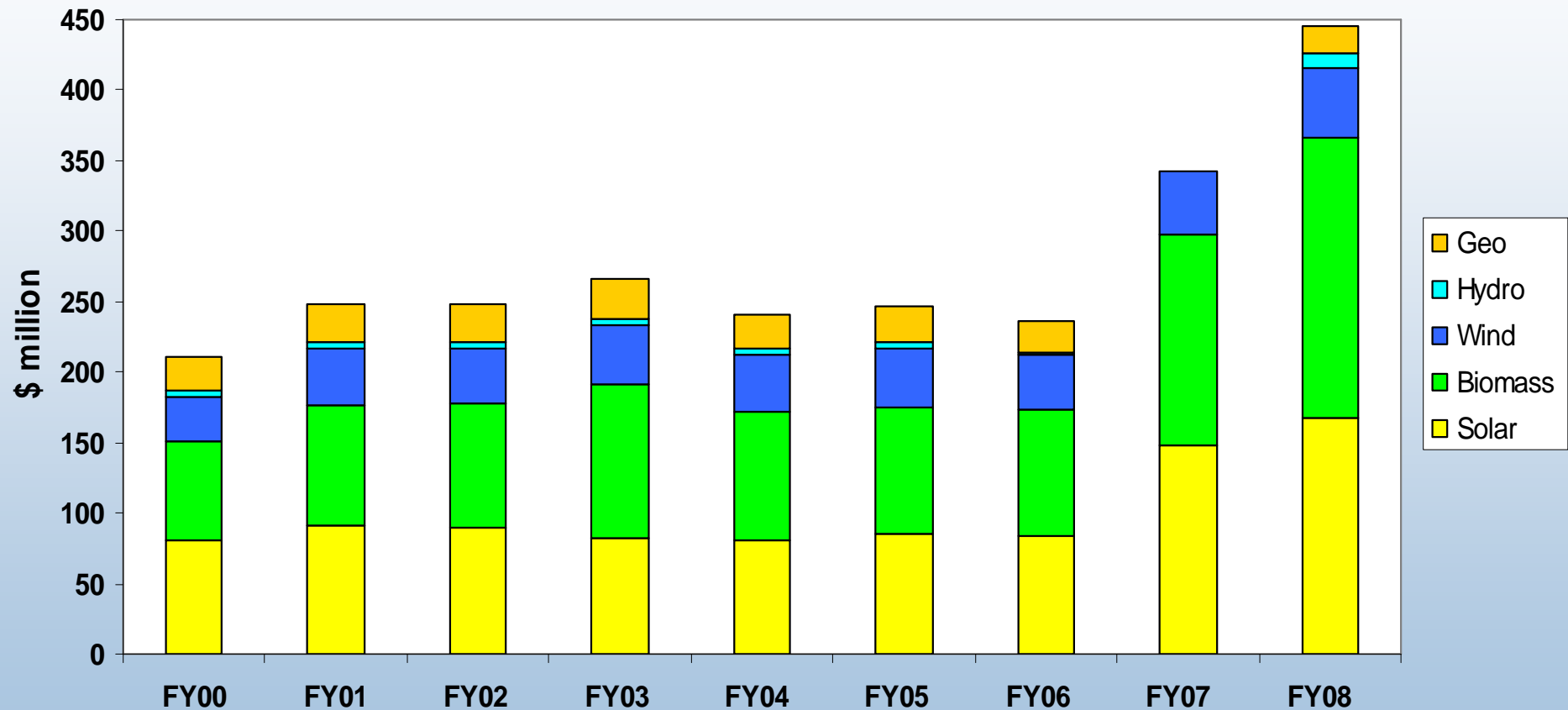
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U.S. Renewable Generation Capacity and Resulting CO₂ Avoided



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U.S. Renewable Energy R&D Budget



Wind Energy

GE Wind's 1.5 megawatt wind turbine installed in Tehachapi, California



Vestas V-47 Turbines on wind farm in Kansas



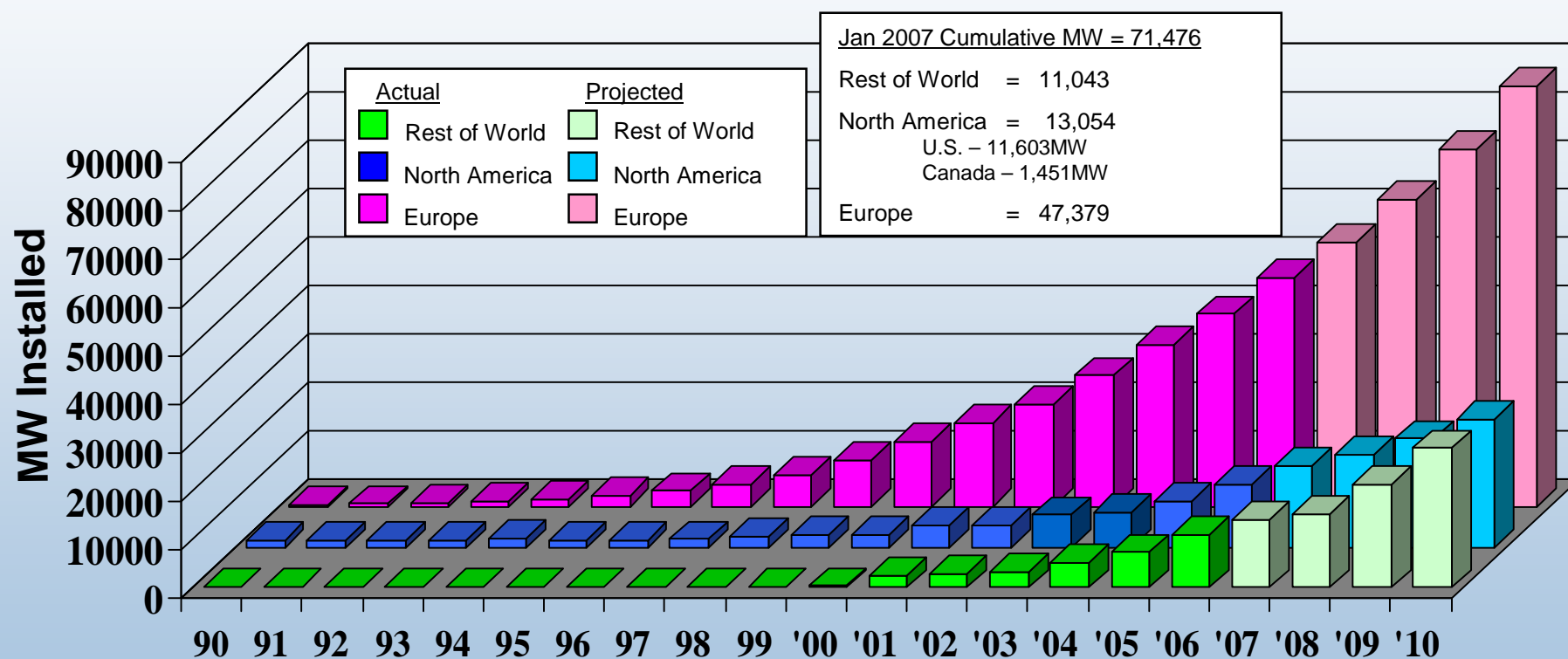
Dyess Air Force Base, Texas (near Abilene)

Brazilian hybrid power system



Palm Springs, CA, wind farm

Growth of Wind Energy Capacity Worldwide



Sources: BTM Consult Aps, March 2005

Windpower Monthly, January 2007

*NREL Estimate for 2007



**GE WindEnergy
3.6 MW Turbine**

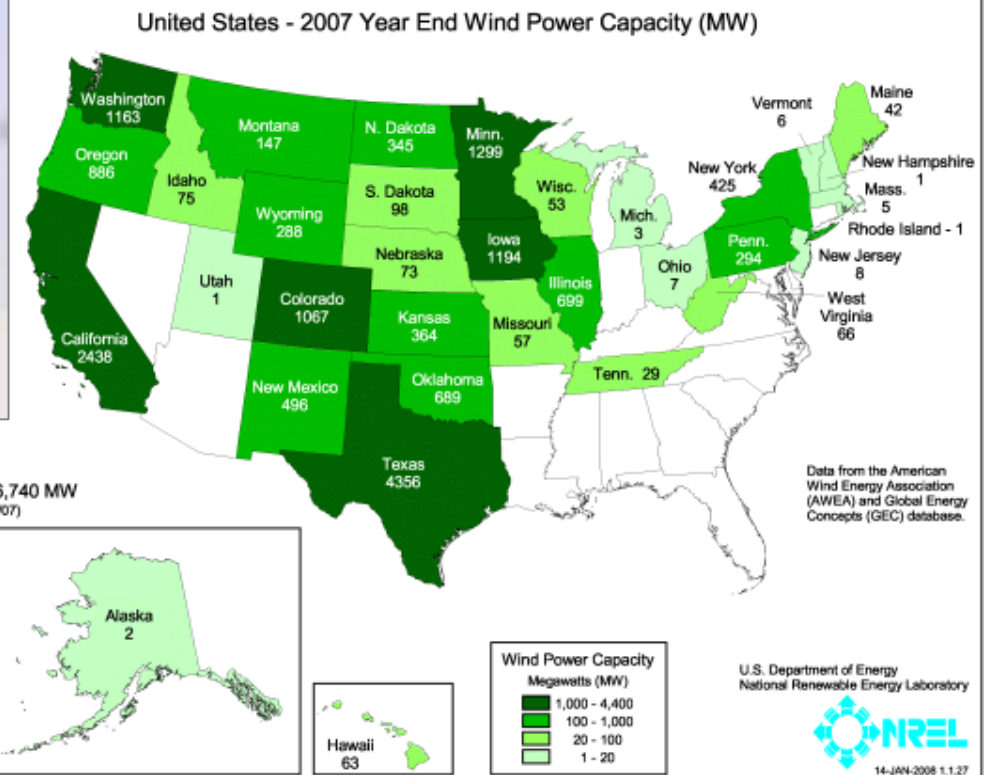
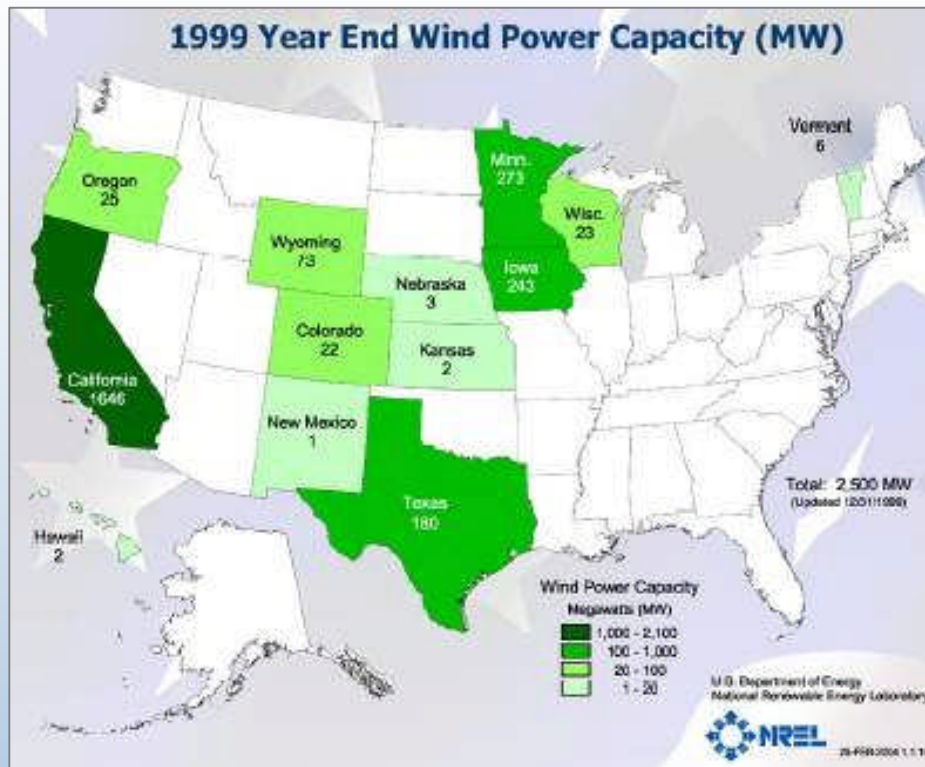
Boeing 747-200

**Arklow Banks Windfarm
The Irish Sea**

Photo: R. Thresher

Installed Wind Capacity

1999 – Dec 2007*



*Preliminary data

Solar Energy



PV roofing shingles

PV panels



Indo-US Cooperative
PV Project

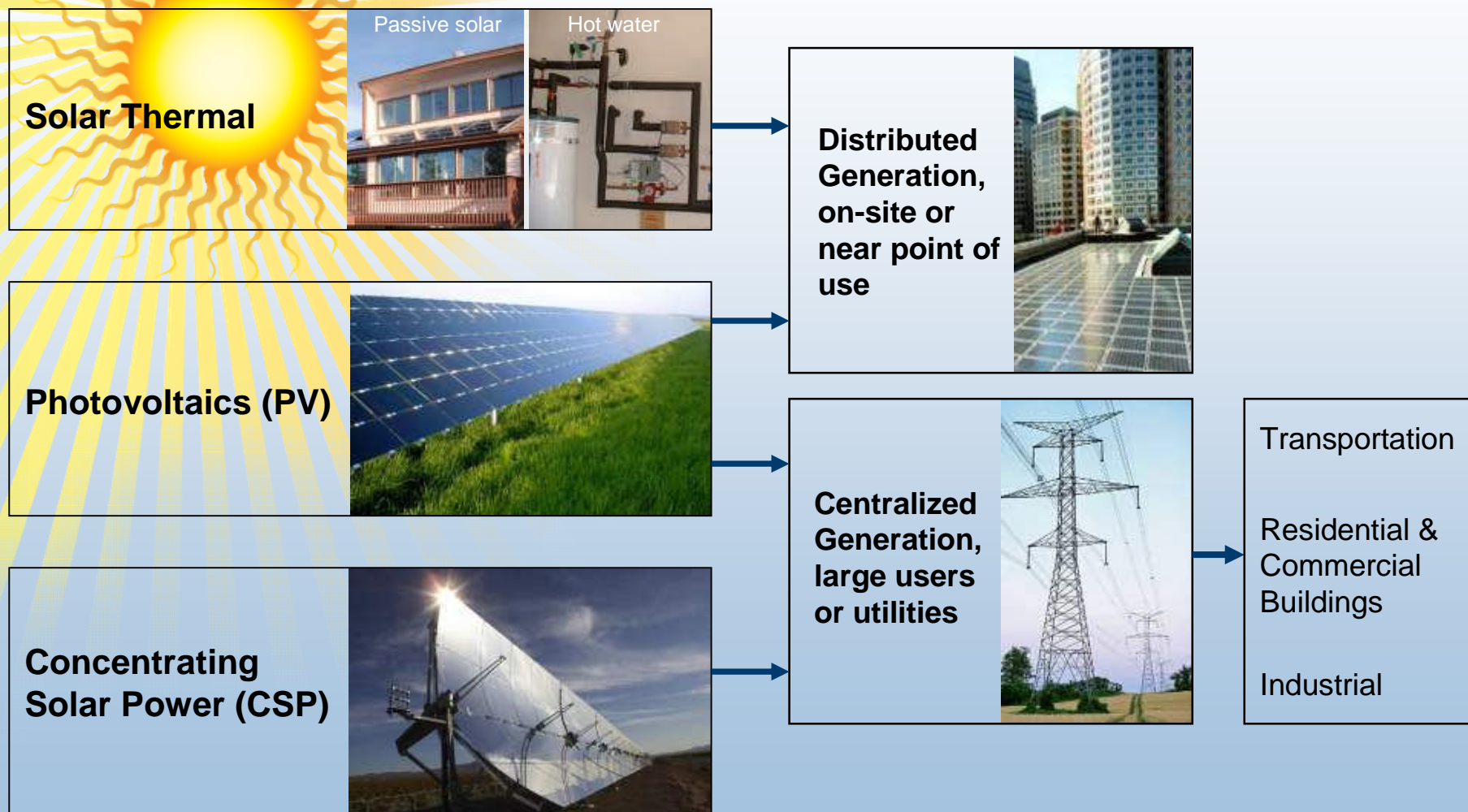


210 kW PV system at
SMUD's Hedge substation

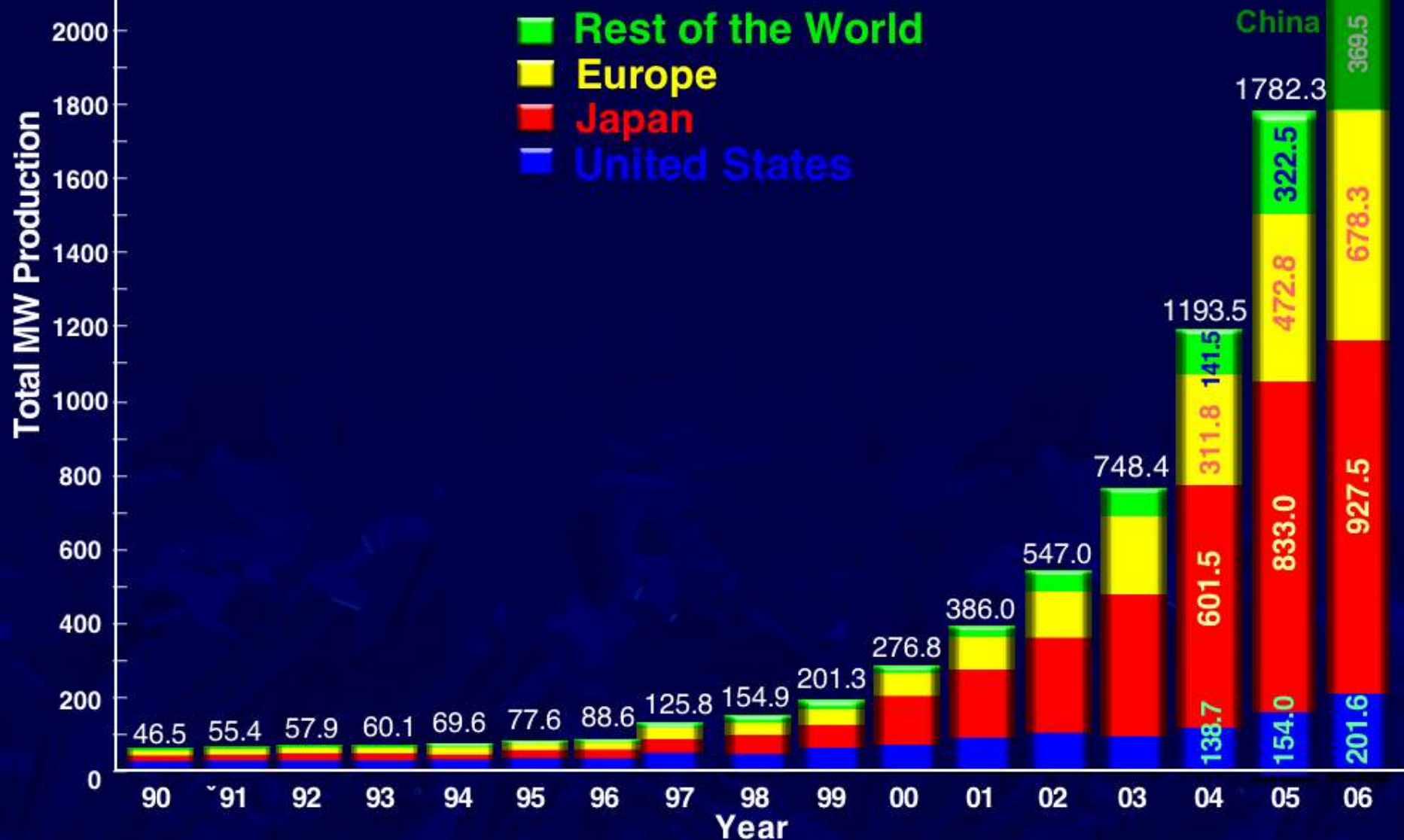


Solargenix 64 MW
solar plant near
Boulder City, Nevada

Applications of Solar Heat and Electricity



Worldwide PV Production 1990-2006



Typical Business Rooftop PV Application



64 MWe Solargenix Parabolic Trough Plant – Nevada Solar 1



Resulting CSP Resource Potential

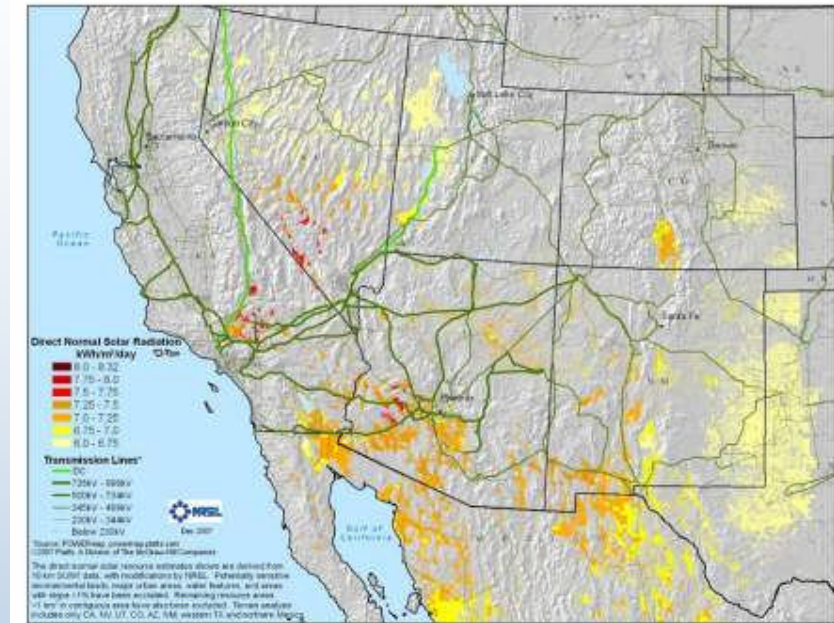
State	Land Area (mi ²)	Solar Capacity (MW)	Solar Generation Capacity GWh
AZ	13,613	1,742,461	4,121,268
CA	6,278	803,647	1,900,786
CO	6,232	797,758	1,886,858
NV	11,090	1,419,480	3,357,355
NM	20,356	2,605,585	6,162,729
TX	6,374	815,880	1,929,719
UT	23,288	2,980,823	7,050,242
Total	87,232	11,165,633	26,408,956

The table and map represent land that has no primary use today, exclude land with slope > 1%, and do not count sensitive lands.

Solar Energy Resource ≥ 6.0

Capacity assumes 5 acres/MW

Generation assumes 27% annual capacity factor



Current total nameplate capacity in the U.S. is 1,000GW w/ resulting annual generation of 4,000,000 GWh

Geothermal Energy



Power production from concentrated brines

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Geothermal power plant at The Geysers



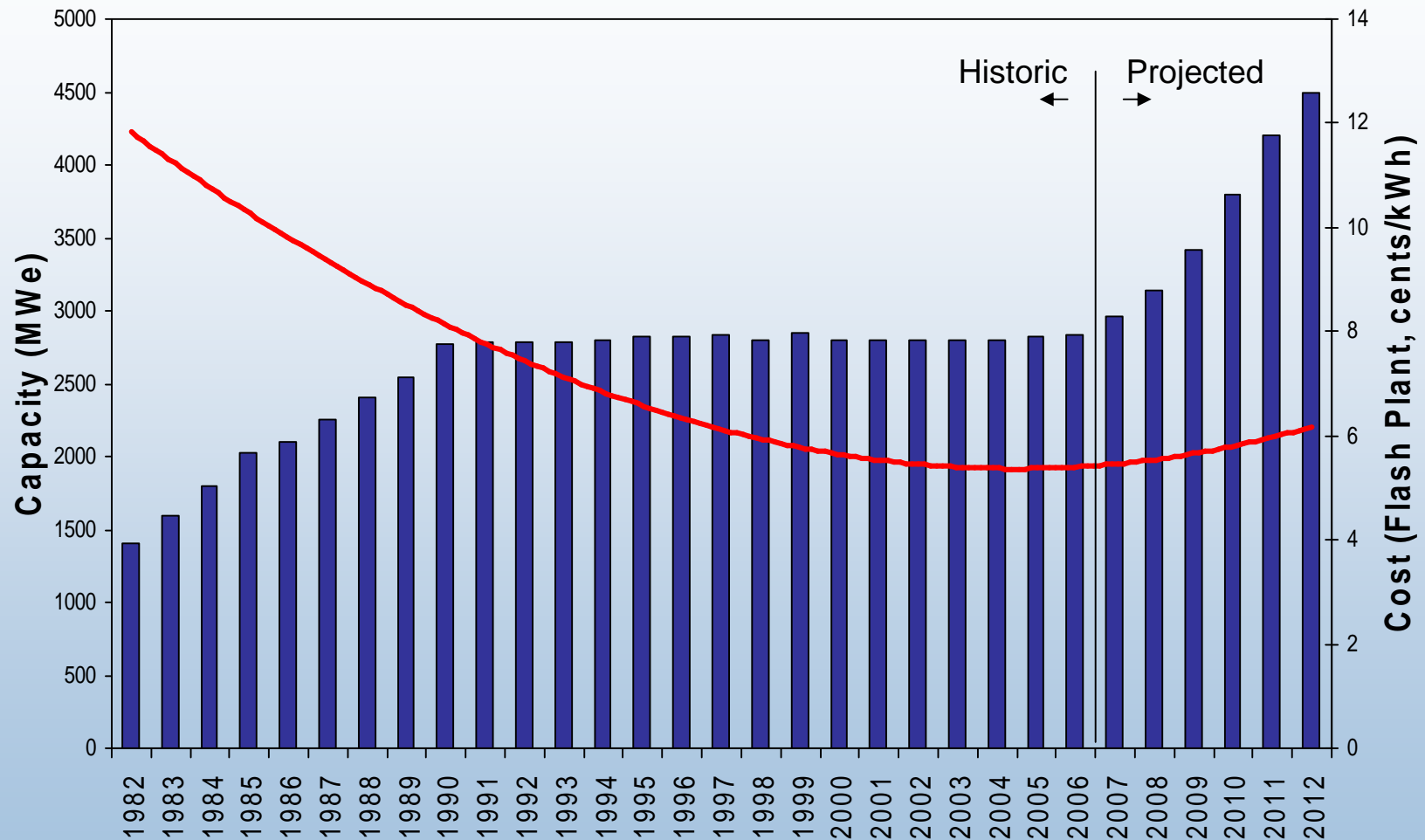
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Heat exchangers and circulation pumps

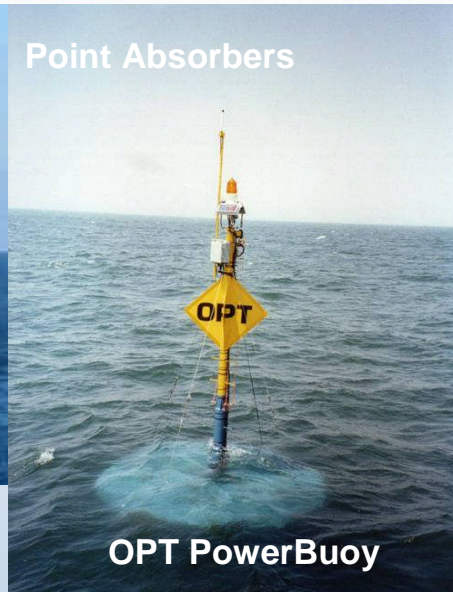
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U.S. Geothermal Capacity



Projections of installed capacity based on documented projects in various stages of development (GEA, 2006)

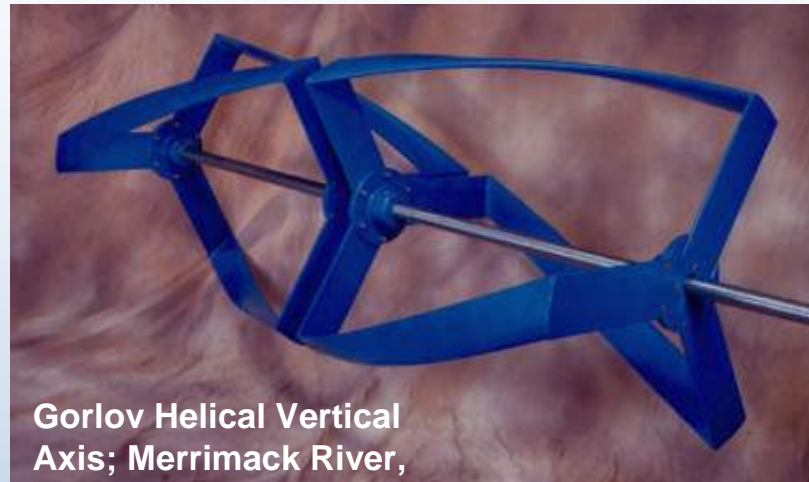
Wave Technology Examples



Ocean Tidal & Current Technology



Verdant; Horizontal Axis; East River, NY



Gorlov Helical Vertical Axis; Merrimack River,



Hydro; Open Center Turbine; Gulf Stream



Lunar Energy, Rotech Tidal Turbine



Underwater Electric Kite; Merrimack River,



MCT SeaFlow Experimental Test

Advanced Fuels and Vehicles Solutions

- Advancing essential RD&D projects to achieve cost competitive, commercial scale cellulosic ethanol production by 2012, to meet the Renewable Fuels Standard in the Energy Independence and Security Act.
- Accelerating RD&D on lithium-ion batteries, plug-in hybrids, and drive-train electrification to diversify and make our nation's vehicles more efficient to reduce petroleum dependency.
- Continuing to research and develop critical hydrogen technologies that enable near-term commercialization pathways.
- Consolidation of technology validation for fuel infrastructure and vehicle testing; safety and codes & standards; and supporting education activities to accelerate the full portfolio of fuel and vehicle solutions to the market.

Biomass Energy

Wood chips



Switch grass



Poplars



Fats and Oils



Municipal solid waste



Corn Stover

The New Bio-Industry



Biomass Feedstock

- Trees
- Grasses
- Agricultural Crops
- Agricultural Residues
- Animal Wastes
- Municipal Solid Waste



Conversion Processes

- Enzymatic Fermentation
- Gas/liquid Fermentation
- Acid Hydrolysis/Fermentation
- Gasification
- Combustion
- Co-firing

USES

Fuels:

- Ethanol
- Renewable Diesel

Power:

- Electricity
- Heat

Chemicals

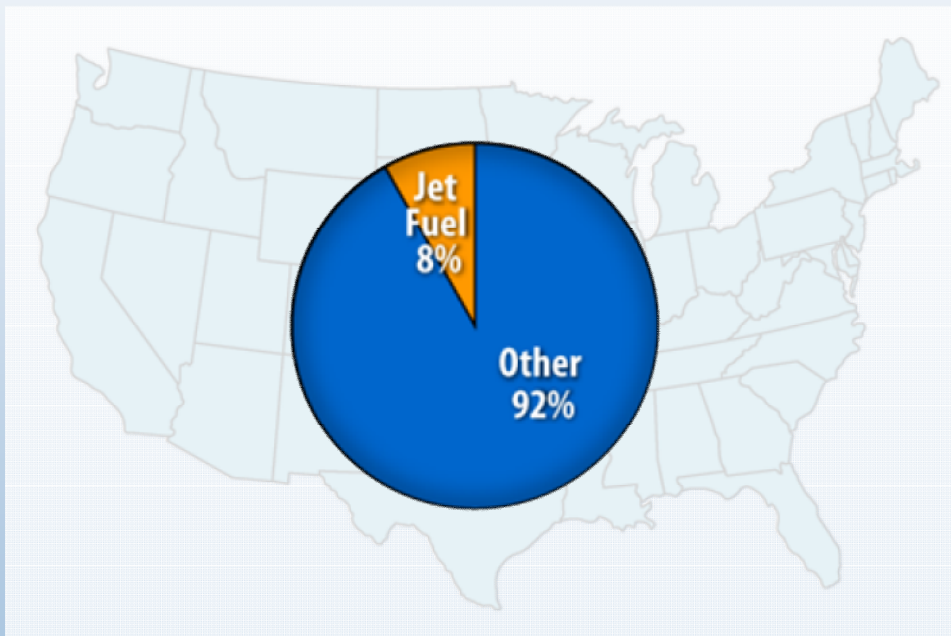
- Plastics
- Solvents
- Chemical Intermediates
- Phenolics
- Adhesives
- Furfural
- Fatty acids
- Acetic Acid
- Carbon black
- Paints
- Dyes, Pigments, and Ink
- Detergents
- Lubricants
- Etc.

Food and Feed and Fiber

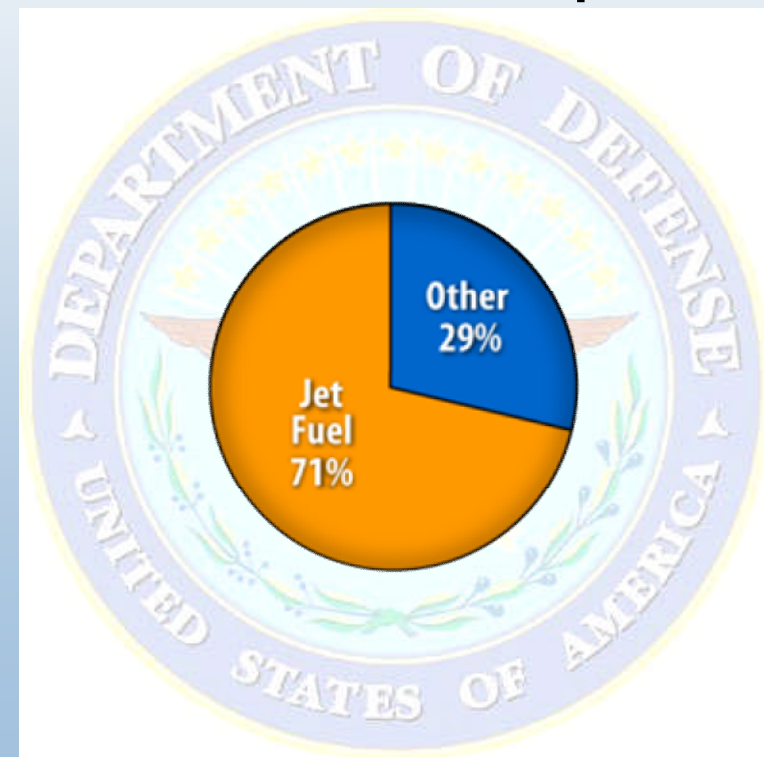
... and new concepts from plants to products

Military Fuel Mix is Very Different from Commercial Fuel Mix

Commercial US Fuel Consumption

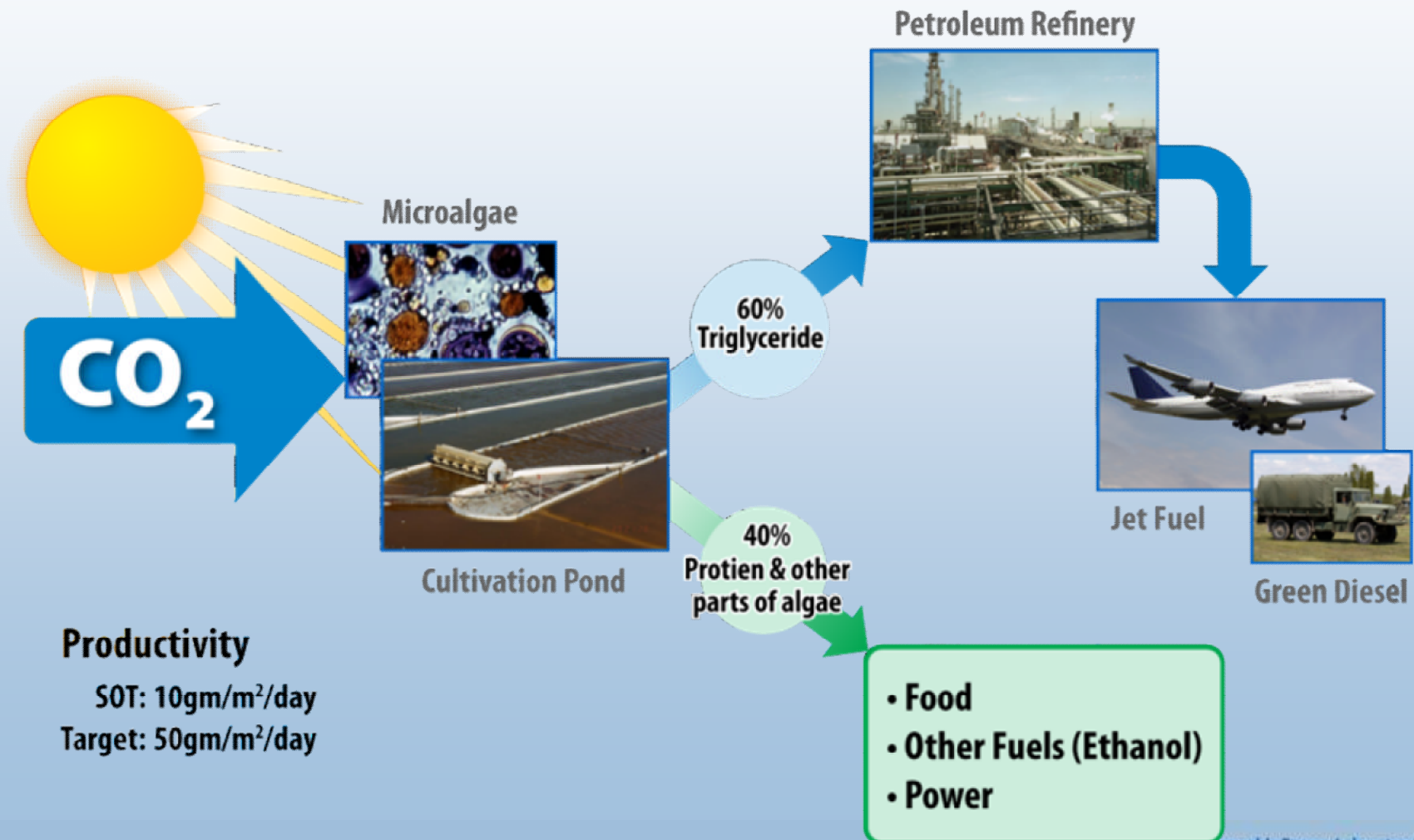


DOD Fuel Consumption

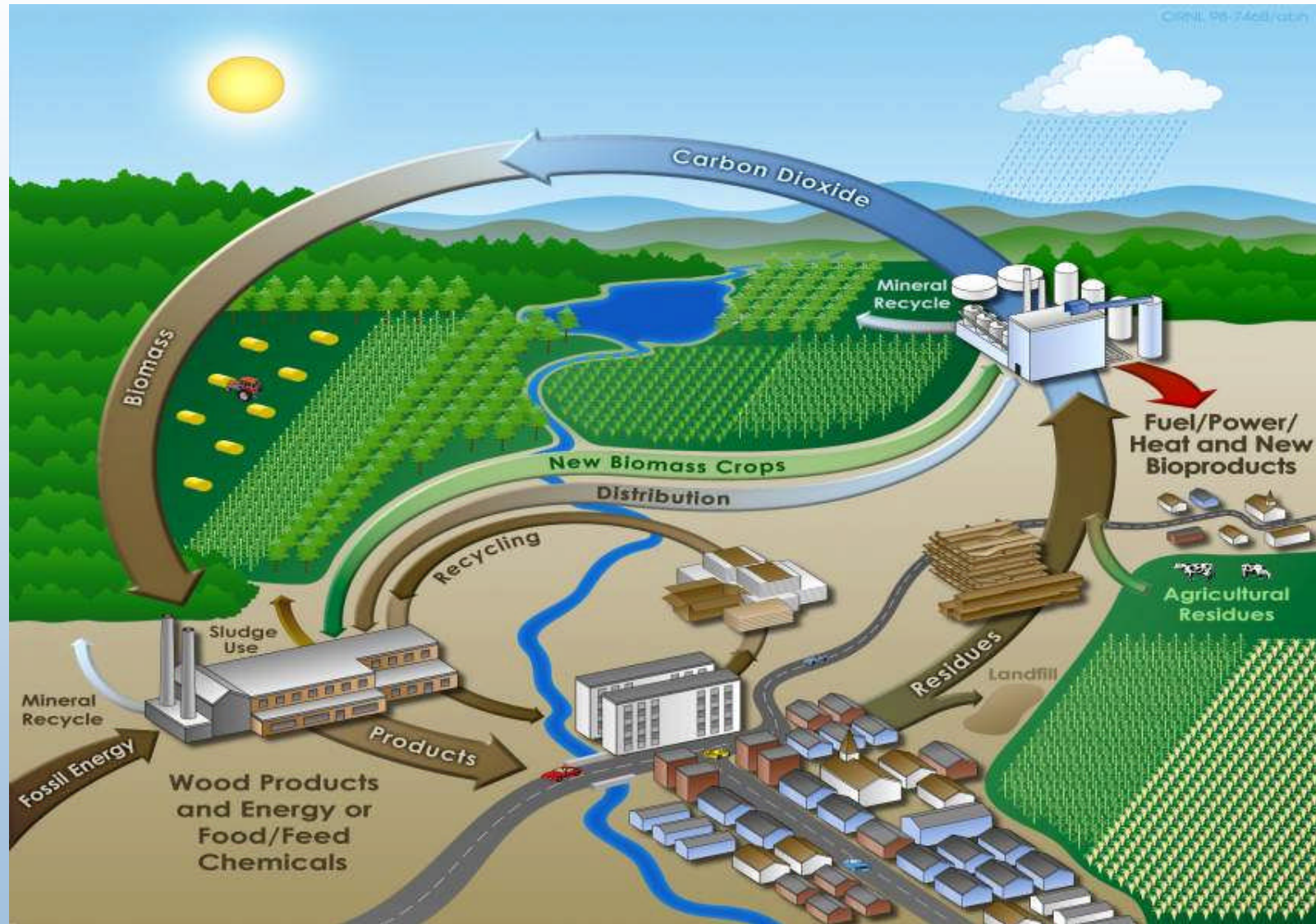


A Novel Approach for making Jet Fuel From Biomass

Combine two technologies: Algae & Green Diesel



Biomass Carbon Cycle



Advanced Vehicles and Fuels Options

Conventional
Vehicles



Hybrid Electric
Vehicles



Plug-in Hybrid
Vehicles



Hydrogen
Vehicles—ICE
or Fuel Cell

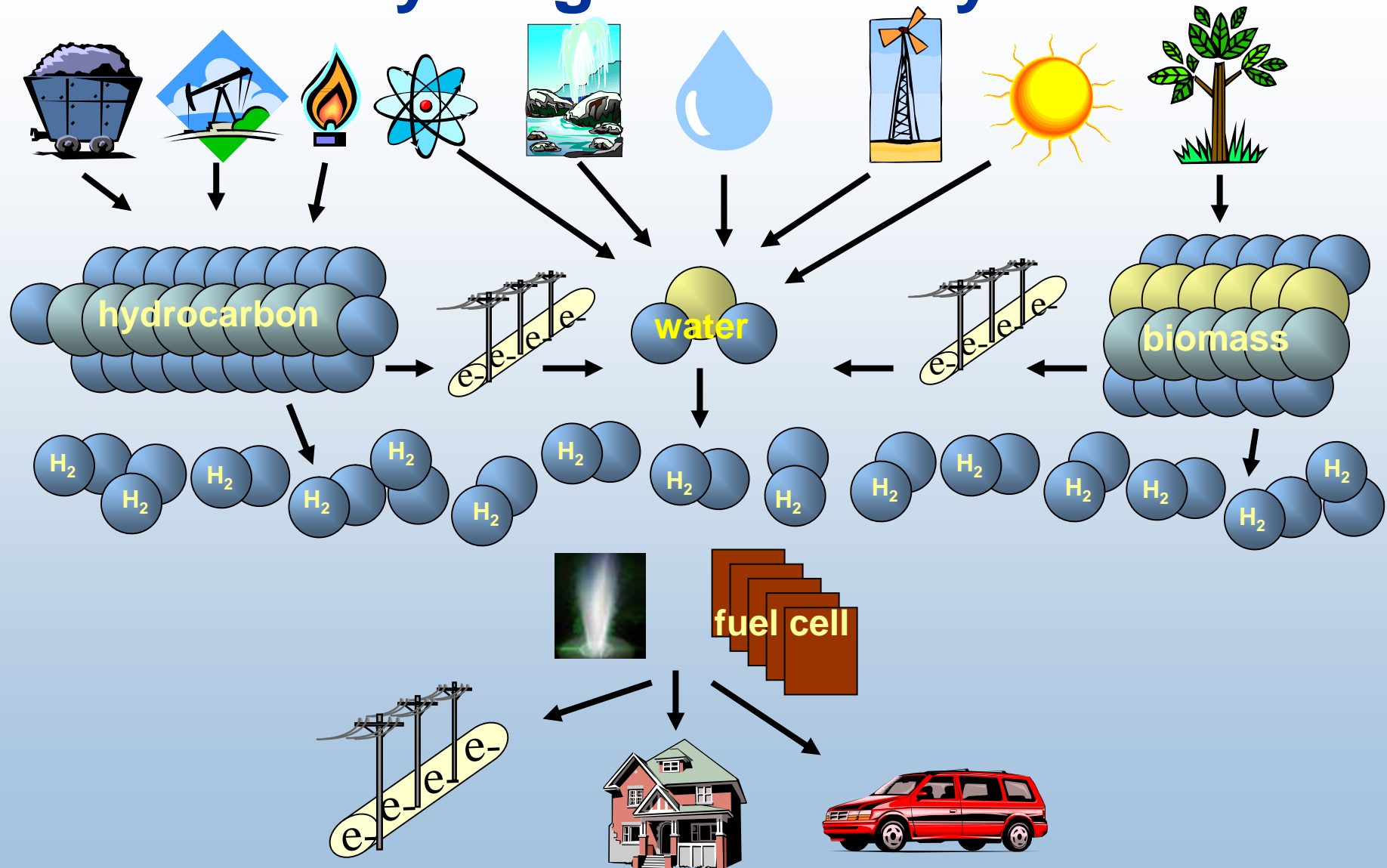


Corn Ethanol, Cellulosic Ethanol
Biodiesel, Fischer-Tropsch Diesel
Natural Gas other Petrochemicals

Electricity
from Grid
Distributed
Renewable
Electricity

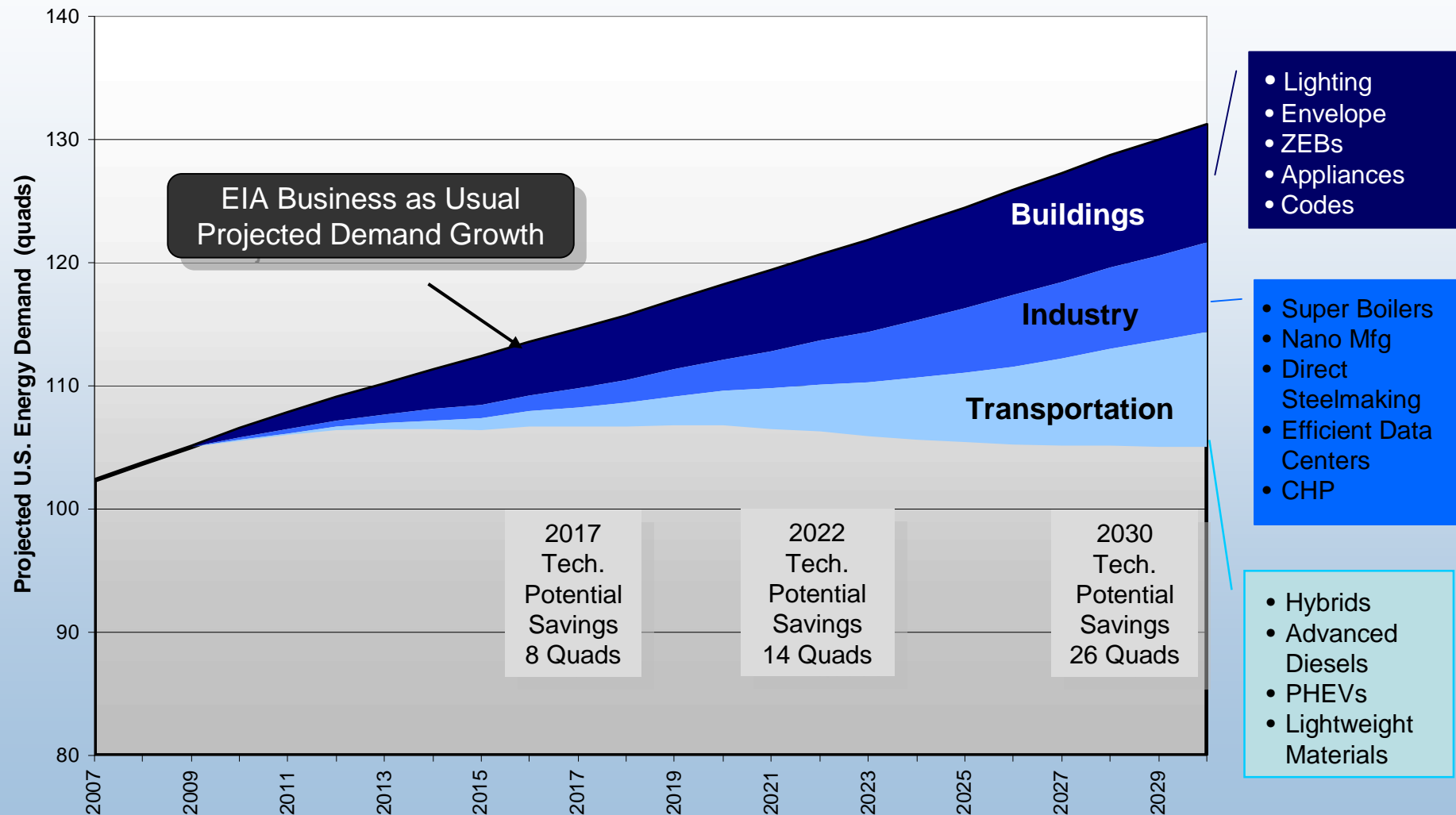
Hydrogen
from Natural
Gas
Renewable
Hydrogen

Hydrogen Pathways



Hydrogen must be derived from other energy sources.

Energy Efficiency Has the Technical Potential to Level Energy Demand Growth



Energy Efficiency - Buildings

Van Geet home located in Idaho Springs, CO



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21st Century Performance home



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NREL's Solar Energy Research Facility



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Solar Patriot House

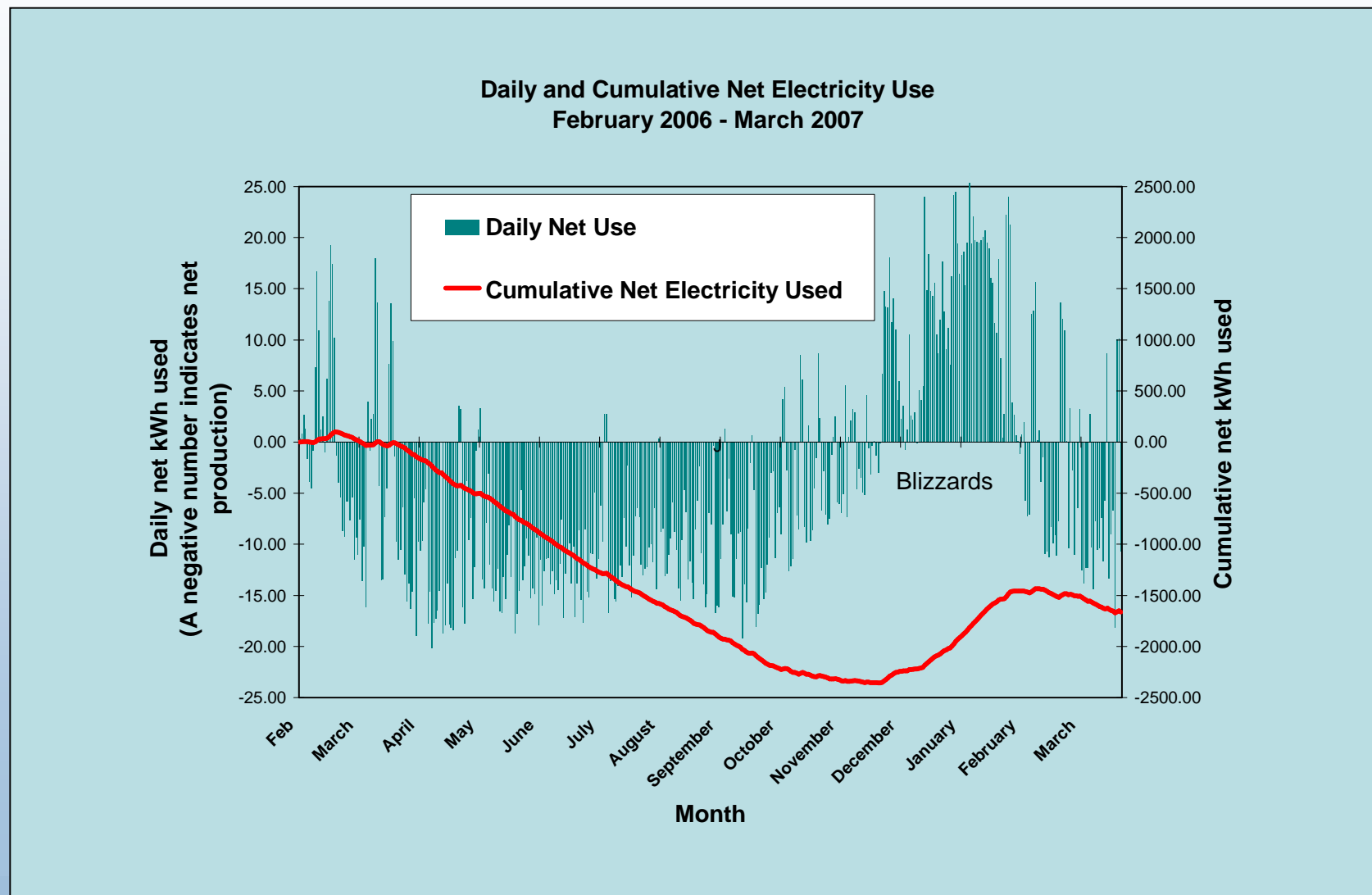
Zero Energy Buildings

- Commercial Sector Energy Use is Growing at 1.6% per year
- Need to think about ZERO to change trend
- Today's buildings mortgage the energy futures of this country
- The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Building Technologies (BT) program set a goal of creating the conditions for low- and zero-energy commercial buildings (LZEBs) to be market viable by 2025.

Low-Cost ZEB Housing



Habitat for Humanity Energy Performance



Prioritization for Energy Efficiency

- **Technology**
 - Continue fundamental and applied R&D for enabling technologies to reduce the energy consumption and transform carbon footprint of the built environment (homes, offices, and manufacturing)
- **Regulation, Codes, Standards**
 - Accelerate, modernize and elevate appliance standards with greater consensus rulemakings
 - Promote superior model building codes with executable plan of coordinated implementation by the States
 - Provide utilities with returns on energy efficiency comparable or superior to investments in generation; provide industry with pathway for best practices
- **Voluntary and Market based Deployment**
 - Establishment of the National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency
 - Expand and Modernize Energy Star program concurrent w technology
 - Expand advocacy for energy efficient lighting (e.g., CFLs, LEDs)
 - Target civic infrastructure (e.g., Energy Smart schools, hospitals, libraries, municipal facilities) to be energy efficient, secure sites for distributed generation
- **Education and Outreach**
 - Multi-generational Education, targeted population, superior communications and behavioral modification

Efficiency Solutions – Buildings

- Transforming the carbon footprint of the built environment through zero energy buildings.
 - Continuing fundamental and applied R&D for enabling technologies, such as solid state lighting and advanced windows;
 - Accelerating and elevating codes and appliance standards;
 - Expanding and modernizing ENERGY STAR® program; and
 - Targeting the civic infrastructure (e.g., schools, hospitals, libraries, municipal facilities) to invest in Energy Smart solutions.

Science & Technology Facility

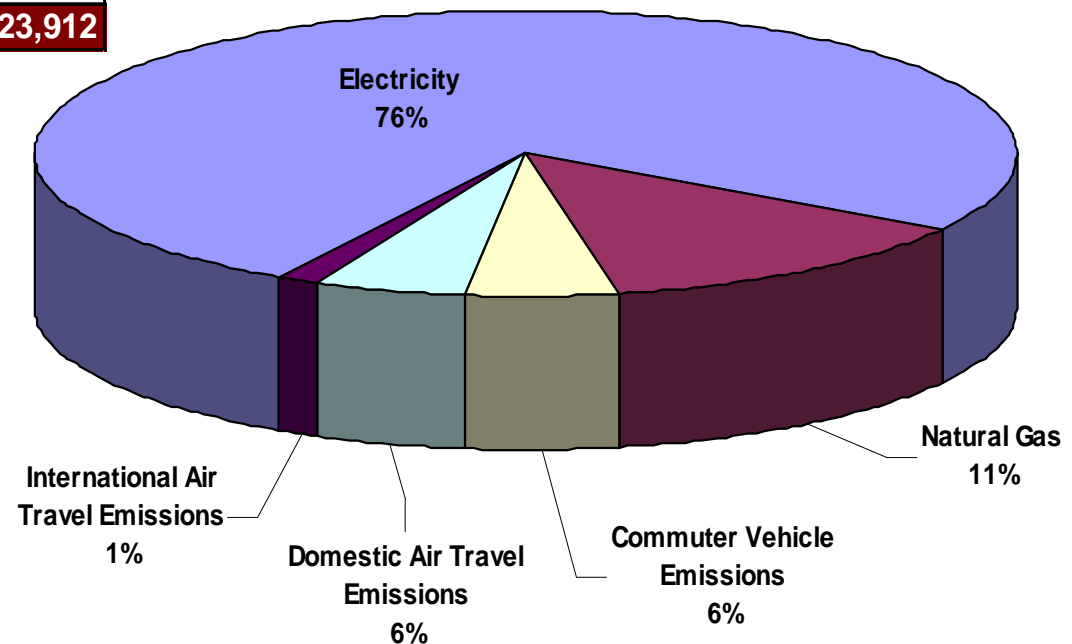
- LEED Platinum (certified in 2007)
- Platinum status
 - First federal building
 - One of 3 laboratory buildings
 - One of a total of 29 buildings



NREL Carbon Foot Print

SOURCE	Kg CO2 Eq.
Electricity	25,376,679
Natural Gas	4,387,694
Commuter Vehicle Emissions	1,677,026
Domestic Air Travel Emissions	1,670,191
International Air Travel Emissions	448,001
Fleet Vehicle Emissions	90,838
Solid Waste Disposal	42,044
Water (Electricity consumed)	16,923
Water (Natural Gas consumed)	14,517
	33,723,912

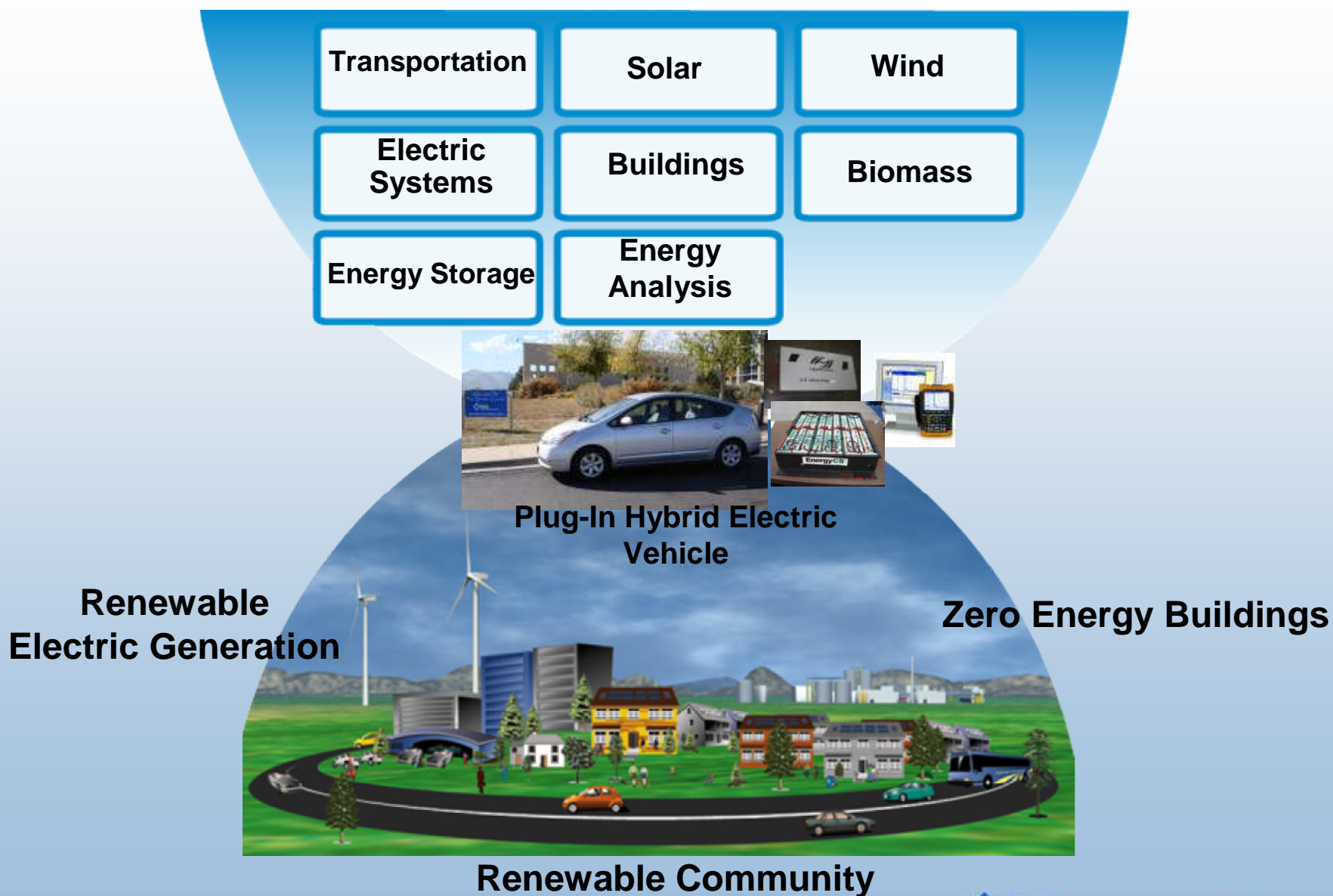
**FY07 CO₂
Emissions
Breakdown**



NREL Achieving “Carbon Neutrality”

- NREL achieved carbon neutrality in all operations beginning in FY06
 - On-site renewable energy
 - New construction LEED Platinum (RSF Net Zero Energy)
 - Energy retrofits
 - Purchase of renewable energy credits (RECs) necessary to achieve “carbon neutrality”

Renewable Communities Involve All Technologies



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